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Plague-prevention work at Oakland, Cal.—Status of plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports October 18:

Anti plague operations in Oakland, Cal., week ended October 12.

Sick inspected	1
Dead inspected	4
Premises inspected	2, 892
Houses disinfected	3
Nuisances abated	133
Rats found dead (3 infected)	4
Rats trapped	790
Poisons placed	10, 000

In one district 23 blocks, in addition to the number given above, were completely inspected; 1,780 rats were caught.

Outgoing quarantine transactions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy reports, October 22:

Week ended October 19. Vessels disinfected and certified, 154. Of this number 114 were disinfected during the week. These vessels range in size from the small schooner to the largest vessel on the Pacific Ocean.

Plague at Seattle, Wash.—Service requested to assume charge of measures.

SEATTLE, WASH., *October 22, 1907.*

SURGEON-GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Washington, D. C.:

Mayor of Seattle advises me that one death from bubonic plague has taken place there, and forwards request of city board of health that I ask your service to take charge of the prophylactic measures that may be necessary to stamp out the disease at its inception, which request I respectfully and earnestly make.

ALBERT E. MEADE,
Governor of Washington.

October 24. The following telegram was sent to Governor Meade:

"After consultation with Assistant Secretary Treasury, in response to your telegram 22d received this morning, Passed Assistant Surgeon Cofer will be ordered to Seattle as representative of Service in Seattle and Puget Sound territory. Doctor Cofer has had large experience with plague at Honolulu. Passed Assistant Surgeon White, already in Seattle, has also had large experience with plague. Pending Cofer's arrival, Doctor White has been directed to confer with mayor in advisory capacity and to make known to Bureau necessities of situation. Additional officers will be sent if needed. Same arrangements will be necessary with regard to expense as have been made in San Francisco and Oakland and in New Orleans during yellow fever epidemic. That is, labor and material required will be furnished by State or local authorities, the Department furnishing necessary professional force, including laboratory if required."